

Remarks

This Amendment and Election is being filed in conjunction with a Petition to Revive under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b).

The Office Action restricted the pending claims into three groups as follows:

Group I: claims 1-10, 21 and 25.

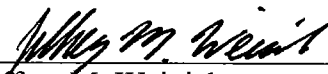
Group II: claims 11-15, 23 and 26.

Group III: claims 16-20 and 27.

Without admitting to the correctness of the restriction requirement, and in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants herein elect the Group I claims 1-10, 21 and 25 for prosecution in the present application. Group II claims 11-15, 23 and 26 and Group III claims 16-20 and 27, are cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to present these non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications.

Applicants request allowance of the elected Group I claims 1-10, 21 and 25.

Respectfully submitted,



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